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2. I am an author of the article entitled, "Antibody-Mediated Inhibition of Human Alloimmune Response to Platelet Transfusion in Hu-PBL-SCID Mice," *British Journal of Haematology*, 1999, 104, pp. 119 - 924 (herein "the article").
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the article, are not co-inventors of the invention disclosed and presently claimed in the above-identified application. Specifically, Barbara Hammach, organized the collection of blood from blood donors for the study and did not make any conceptual contribution to the presently claimed invention and is not a co-inventor of the presently claimed invention. Additionally, Dr. Victor Blanchette was included on the publication because he is a senior researcher who has had a connection to our lab for many years. It is clear that Dr. Blanchette did not make a conceptual contribution to the presently claimed invention. Thus, he is not a co-inventor of the claimed invention.

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